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Draft resolution submitted by the Vice-Chairman following informal consultations

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 52/8 A of 31 October 1997, 52/8 C of 26 June 1998, 53/211 of 18 December 1998 and 53/228 of 8 June 1999,

Regretting the delay in the submission of the report of the Secretary-General requested in the aforementioned resolutions,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the findings, observations and recommendations contained in the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the audits of the procurement process in the United Nations Angola Verification Mission;[1]

2. *Notes with concern* that one of the recommendations of the Office of Internal Oversight Services was based on incomplete information provided to the Office;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to examine carefully the internal audit recommendations before taking remedial action;

4. *Expresses concern* over the lack of a consistent policy for the implementation of audit recommendations on cases of fraud and financial abuse;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that audit recommendations in respect of cases of fraud and financial abuse are implemented in a consistent manner throughout the Secretariat;

[1] A/53/1018.

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6. *Calls* for further efforts to provide proper training and guidance to procurement officers in the field, especially with a view to the expansion of United Nations peacekeeping activities;

7. *Looks forward* to the report of the Secretary-General on the procurement of goods for quartering areas in the United Nations Angola Verification Mission;

8. *Calls upon* the Secretary-General to provide additional information on the measures being taken by the Secretariat to further improve procurement activities in the field and enhance control and accountability, within the context of the report on management irregularities causing financial losses to the Organization, as requested by the General Assembly in its resolution 53/225 of 8 June 1999, and requests the Secretary-General to submit a report to the General Assembly, prior to the second part of its resumed fifty-fourth session, providing a concrete plan to correct procurement-related problems in peacekeeping operations, which should include the following:

(a) All remedial measures taken to address problems identified with the United Nations Observer Mission in Angola and other peacekeeping operations;

(b) Standardization of the corrective measures that have already been taken for all existing and future peacekeeping operations;

(c) A description of how accountability was pursued in the cases of individuals who were determined to have engaged in fraud, mismanagement or abuse, and how it will be applied in the future.